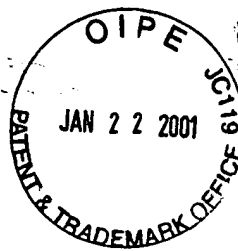


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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/662,409

Filed: September 14, 2000

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT
ANALYTICAL MICROFLUIDIC
SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF
MAKING SAME

Examiner: To be Assigned

Art Unit: 3729

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please insert the following new claims:

2. (New) A microfluidic device, comprising:

a body structure having at least a first microscale channel disposed therein;

a capillary element having first and second ends and a capillary channel disposed therethrough, the first end of the capillary element being attached to the body structure whereby the capillary channel is in fluid communication with the at least first microscale channel; and

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